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SUBJ: APPEAL TO XENOPHOBIA?

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1. FORCES INVOLVED IN THE PRC'S INTERNAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT SEEM TO BE PLAYING AROUND WITH LATENT CHINESE XENOPHOBIA. RADIO REPORTS OF PROVINCIAL RALLIES TO RECALL PAST IMPERIALIST ATROCITIES AGAINST THE CHINESE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO APPEAR. NONE HAVE MATCHED YUNNAN'S EVOKING OF GHOULISH BOXER SUPERSTITUTIONS ABOUT BABE-EATING (REFTTEL), BUT A MARCH 21 FUKIEN RALLY AT A CHILDREN'S MASS GRAVESITE ADDS TO THE IMPRESSION OF AN APPEAL MADE TO PRIMORDIAL EMOTIONS.

2. THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS TO BRING HOME TO THE MASSES WHAT LIN PIAO WOULD HAVE INFLICTED ON THE CHINESE PEOPLE IF HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN HIS ALLEGED AIM OF BRINGING THE

SOVIETS IN AS NEW COLONIAL MASTERS. HOWEVER, TO DATE THE REPORTED  
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ACTIVITIES HAVE FOCUSED ON ATROCITIES BY THE "US-CHIANG

CLIQUE" AND THE JAPANESE, OR THOSE OF UNSPECIFIED "IMPERIALISTS."  
NO OTHER NATIONAL ENTITIES INCLUDING TZARIST RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM  
HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY NAME, ALTHOUGH THUS FAR WE HAVE ONLY HEARD  
OF RALLIES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF CHINA. (THE ACTIVITY COULD  
BE HEARD TO SPRING PLANTING WHICH IS UNDERWAY IN THE SOUTH, AND  
MAY MOVE NORTH LATER.)

3. COMMENT. WE SPECULATE THAT ACTIVITIES TO RECALL FOREIGN  
ATROCITIES COULD REFLECT THE FAILURE OF THE MOVEMENT TO AROUSE  
MASS ENTHUSIASM. LOW LEVEL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THUS FAR INDICATE  
THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAS DISINTERESTED THE BULK OF THE PEOPLE, THOSE  
BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED AND INVOLVED  
CADRE AND INTELLIGENTSIA. IN THIS VIEW, PLAYING WITH XENOPHOBIA  
WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE MASSES EMOTIONALLY ENGAGED. THE  
ACTIVITY IS DISCONCERTING, PARTICULARLY WITH THE US AND JAPAN  
BEING SINGLED OUT, BUT THE RALLIES THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN TREATED  
AS MAJOR EVENTS AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN A REFLECTION OF THEM IN THE  
CENTRAL MEDIA.  
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